

REDS MASS TROOPS FOR HAINAN ASSAULT

Force of 100,000 set for amphibious attack

KMT PLANES ACTIVE

Taipei, January 20.

The Chinese Communists were reported today to have massed at least 100,000 troops on Luichow Peninsula for an amphibious assault on Hainan Island.

Application for summons against Dr. Sun Fo

An application to issue a summons against Dr. Sun Fo, ex Premier of China, by his concubine, Nyl E. Kyoen, for the maintenance of herself and her two children was refused in chambers at Central yesterday.

Yesterday morning, the concubine entered Mr. Hin-shing Lo's chambers to make the application. Late in the afternoon, Mr. M. A. de Silva applied on her behalf, and was refused by the magistrate.

Mr. Silva however revealed that at 9.15 this morning he will be making the application in open court before Mr. Lu.

Dr. Sun is at present reported to be residing at Re-pulse Bay.

British Soldier released

The Chinese authorities at Shumchun released Craftsman John Colquhoun yesterday morning.

He was escorted to the border crossing near Man Kam To and allowed to return to British territory in his jeep.

Colquhoun was met by the British police and taken back to his military camp. He is at present under arrest on a charge of being absent without leave.

Craftsman Colquhoun drove into Chinese territory in a jeep on January 16 and was detained by the Chinese authorities at Shumchun.

As the matter was referred to Canton before the arrival of a Hong Kong Police representative sent there to obtain his release, he was detained.

A member of REME, Colquhoun is attached to the 14th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in the New Territories. His home is at Ringstead, Kettering, Northants. The reason for his action was not available yesterday. The Army spokesman said that an investigation is being carried out.

GUERRILLAS RAID FRENCH AIRFIELD

Paris, January 20. Guerrillas of Vietminh (Indo-Chinese Nationalist Insurgents) damaged eight aeroplanes in a night raid on the Bach Mai military airfield, a French news agency dispatch from Hanoi reported today, quoting a French High Command communiqué.

The guerrillas failed in their attempt to mine the landing strip, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 am, HKST) the depression, centred over the Pacific East of Japan, continues to move ENE with its associated trough extending SW towards the Central Pacific. High pressure over China and the adjacent sea is spreading gradually Eastwards across Japan. Today's forecast—Moderate, locally heavy, E or NNE winds, fair. Yesterday's weather—Mainly clear, 65.7 deg. F. Min. 51.0 deg. F. Max. 71.0 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.0 in. (no rain). Wind Direction: Calm. Wind Force: 0. At 0600 GMT (8 am, HKST) the depression, centred over the Pacific East of Japan, continues to move ENE with its associated trough extending SW towards the Central Pacific. High pressure over China and the adjacent sea is spreading gradually Eastwards across Japan. Today's forecast—Moderate, locally heavy, E or NNE winds, fair. Yesterday's weather—Mainly clear, 65.7 deg. F. Min. 51.0 deg. F. Max. 71.0 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.0 in. (no rain). Wind Direction: Calm. Wind Force: 0.

Burmese mark their nation's birthday



His Excellency U Ohn, Burmese Ambassador in London, held a reception in Londonderry House, Park Lane, to celebrate the second anniversary of the Republic of Burma. Among the guests were Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee and his wife. Photo shows: U Ohn greets the Attlees on their arrival at Londonderry House. (A. P. Photo).

Legal battle looms over CMSN ships

A legal battle is expected to develop over the attempt of the United States Government to recover six former Nationalist ships now in Hong Kong harbour.

The ships, part of 42 which the United States sold under mortgages to the Nationalist Government in 1946-7, belong to the China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company.

This Company defected to the Communist Government over the week-end. Early yesterday, the American Consulate received instructions from the State Department in Washington to take action to recover the ships.

The Consulate immediately asked the Hong Kong Government to prevent the ships from leaving the harbour.

However, the Hong Kong Government is expected to reply that if the CMSN ships' papers are in order, the local Government does not have any authority to prevent them from sailing.

The Consulate will seek to obtain injunctions against the ships—probably on Monday.

ss. Brooklyn Heights in Tientsin

The American merchant ship, ss. Brooklyn Heights, is unloading cargo in the North China port of Tientsin. The 8,000-ton ship left Hong Kong for "China Ports" on January 16 with a reported US\$800,000 cargo of industrial chemicals, petroleum, cotton and newsprint.

After the ship discharges its Tientsin cargo, the Brooklyn Heights will definitely make an attempt to enter Shanghai.

The sister ship of the Brooklyn Heights, the ss. Flying Arrow, attempted to enter Shanghai two weeks ago, but two Nationalist warships seriously damaged her and the ship was diverted to Tientsin, where it is still unloading its 10,000-ton cargo.

A British merchant ship which cleared for Shanghai on January 8, the ss. Elsie Moller, has not entered Shanghai, according to an informed source yesterday.

He added that the ship will probably be diverted to a North China port.

A Royal Naval spokesman said yesterday that the Lantau-Macau area, which is being patrolled by Royal Naval launches, has been quiet and controlled since a week ago when several Chinese ships were boarded and taken to the mainland.

He added that no policy statement had been received from London changing the status of blockading Nationalist warships.

Anti-trust suit against shipping conference

Newark, New Jersey,

January 20.

The U.S. Maritime Commission asked yesterday for dismissal of a federal anti-trust suit against the Far East Shipping Conference.

Federal Judge William F. Smith took the request under advisement. It was opposed by the prosecution.

The Conference serves Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Indo-China and the Philippines. It is charged with monopolising cargo trade from Atlantic and Gulf coast ports to the Far East.

Nineteen foreign shipping lines and six American lines are defendants.

American lines involved are United States Lines, Irishman Steamship Company, American President Lines, Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, States Marine Corporation and Western Steamship Corporation.—Associated Press.

ELECTION BAIT?

London, January 20.

Britain's bacon ration is to be temporarily increased from four to five ounces a week and the sweets ration from four to four and a half ounces a week from January 29, the Food Ministry announced today.—Reuter.

Jap Reds promise to toe the line

Tokyo, January 20. Japan's Reds promised the Kremlin today they would try to get together with the American occupation authorities in General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters to launch a campaign of violence.

Privately they predicted that the new, and presumably more revolutionary policy the Party promised to make public on Monday would be little more than "sound fury."

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U.S. TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA

Washington, January 20.

A formal break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria was reported imminent late last night following a Bulgarian demand for recall of the U.S. Minister.

The State Department would not say what reasons Bulgaria gave for wanting the U.S. Minister, Mr. Donald R. Heath, out of their country. It was learned that severance of diplomatic relations was likely today.

On December 19, Bulgaria objected to "very strong language" in an American protest over use of Mr. Heath's name during the treason trial of Traicho Kostov.

Mr. James E. Webb, Under-Secretary of State, told the Bulgarian Charge d'Affaires on December 12 that American Liaison officers in Sofia had been subjected to indignities, restrictions and false charges in connection with Kostov's purge trial.

The indictment for the trial of Kostov as having said in a pre-trial confession that Mr. Heath told him in 1947 that the Americans had an agreement with Yugoslav Premier Marshal Tito, Mr. Heath denied he ever met Kostov.

Bulgarian newspapers began a bitter campaign against Mr. Heath.

The U.S. fired a hot note that carried an implied threat to break off diplomatic relations.

At odds Bulgaria and the U.S. have been at odds since the Sofia Government sprang up behind the iron curtain in early post-war days. The U.S. has backed several charges in the United Nations that Bulgaria gave haven and support to guerrilla forces warring against Greece.

The United States and Britain have charged that Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary have violated their peace treaty guarantees of fundamental human rights.

Bulgaria said last night that the International Court of Justice at The Hague was not empowered to delve into these charges. Rumania and Hungary have already taken a similar position.

Bulgaria sent the Court a letter signed by Foreign Minister Vladimir Popov, which said Bulgaria was not a member of the United Nations and "has not accepted and does not accept jurisdiction" of the International Court.

Strained relations between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia also grew worse yesterday. The Bulgarian Government demanded Yugoslav Ambassador Yossip Djerdja and two other Belgrade diplomats leave Sofia.

Sofia sent a note to Tito's Government charging that the Kostov trial had proved responsible members of the Yugoslav Government and officials of the Yugoslav Embassy had acted in the alleged plot as inciters, inspirers and organisers.

Reds purged The Bulgarian Communists have expelled Dozli Terpeshev from their Politbureau for "lack of vigilance," adds a Reuter report from Sofia.

The Communist Party of Britain tonight issued its manifesto for the coming General Election alleging that Britain, as the result of the Labour Government's policy, faces an economic slump and the prospect of being America's atom-bomb base in a third world war.

The Communists are putting forward 100 candidates. Polling day is February 23.

The manifesto declared that the Communists' three key policy points were: "To fight to prevent the slump; stop the drive to war and end American control of Britain; Peace, trade and friendship with the Soviet Union."

"Fight for higher wages, for jobs and for homes" were also named by the manifesto as the other main items of policy.

The Communist Party said that the Labour Government had "operated a type of nationalisation which has served the interests of big business and the former shareholders. They have used British money, arms and lives to oppress the colonial peoples."

"The defeat of the Tories and their warmongering leader Churchill cannot be decisive unless the working people oppose the present policy of the Labour Government."

The manifesto demanded support for wage increase demands by every section of the trade union movement and that profits be taxed "until the rich really squeal".—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CALL TO KOREANS

London, January 20.

Moscow Radio reported today that the "United Democratic Patriotic Front" of Communist-led North Korea urged all Koreans to "intensify their struggle against South Korean President Syngman Rhee, and fight to unify the country."

The call was made by delegates to the Front's plenary session. The Moscow broadcast did not say where or when the meeting was held.

The Front charged that some 100,000 "patriots" had been murdered in South Korea.

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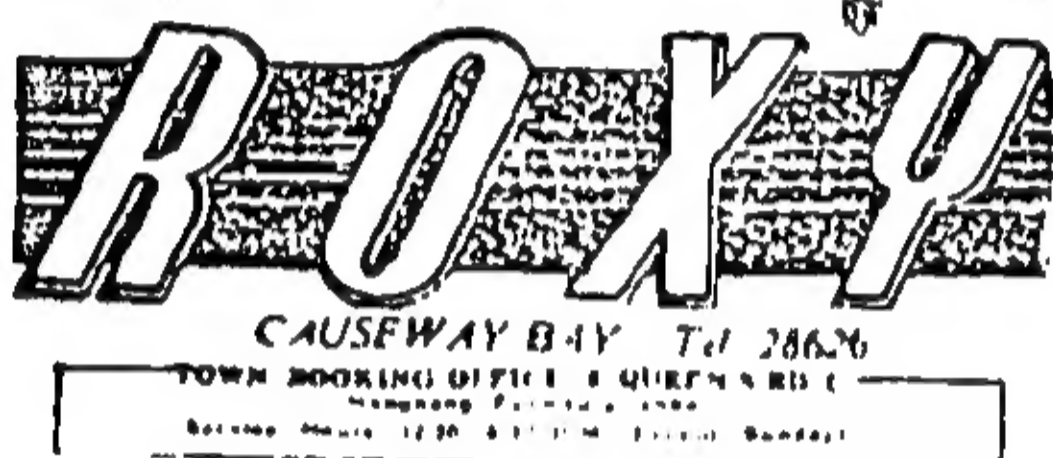
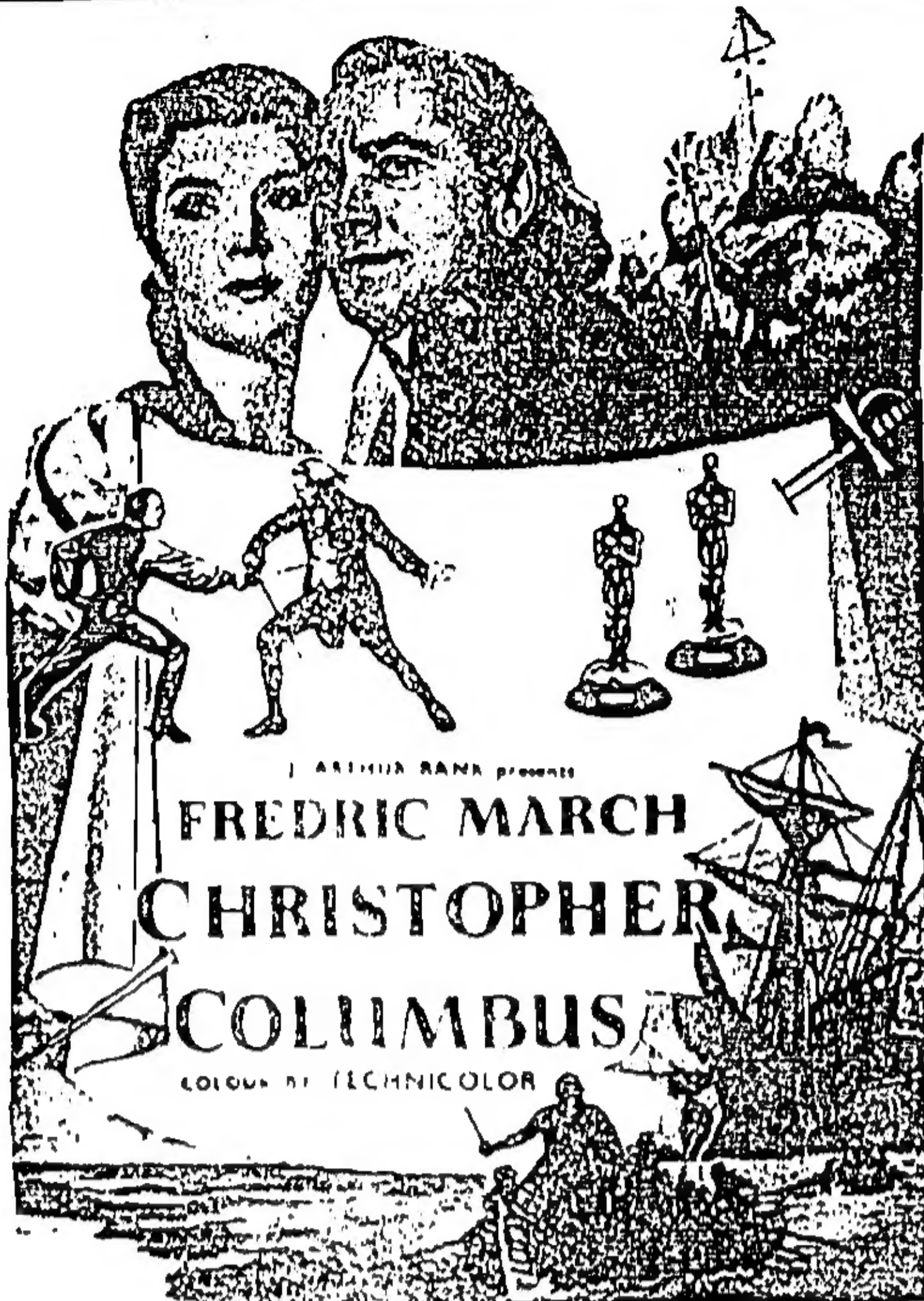
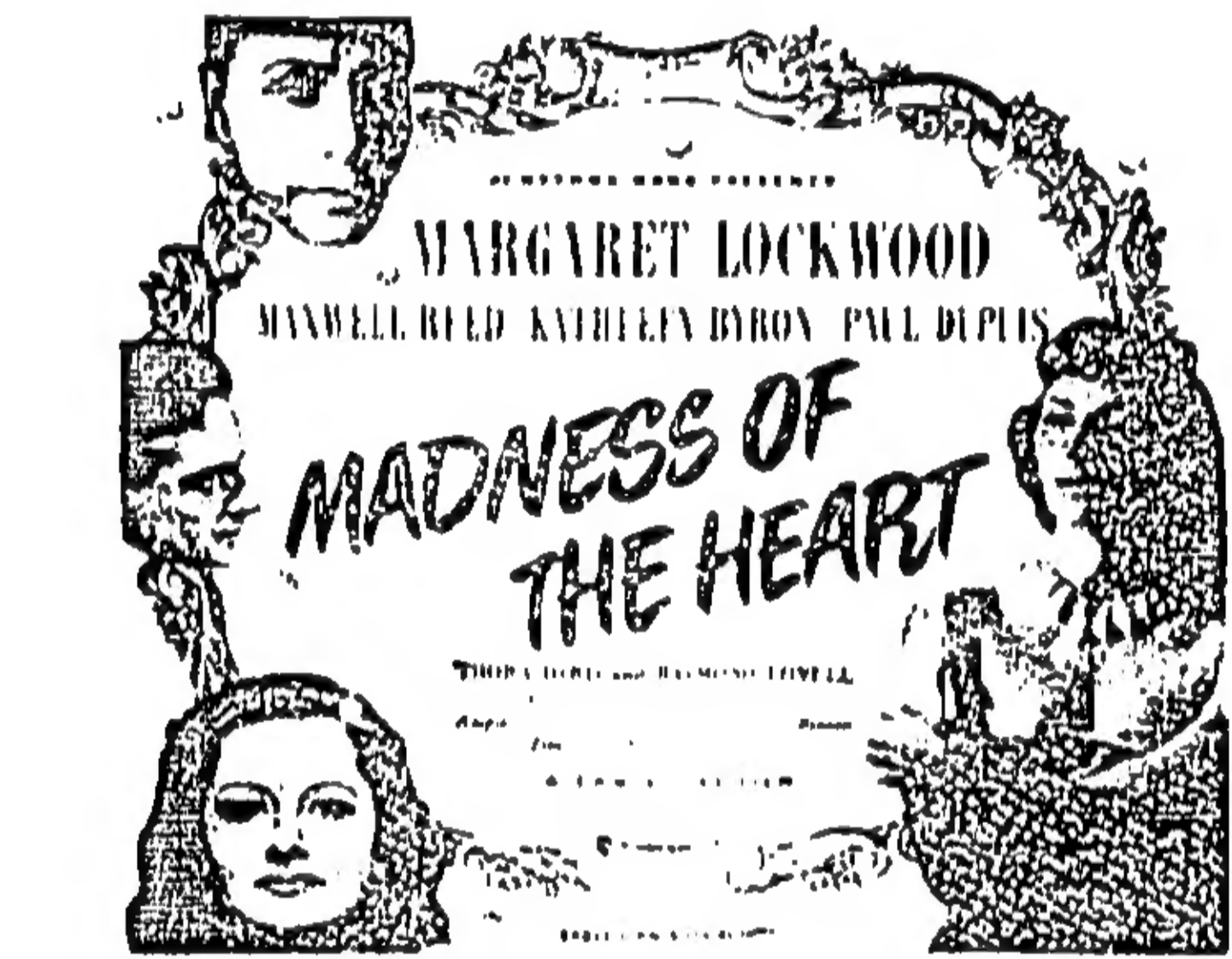
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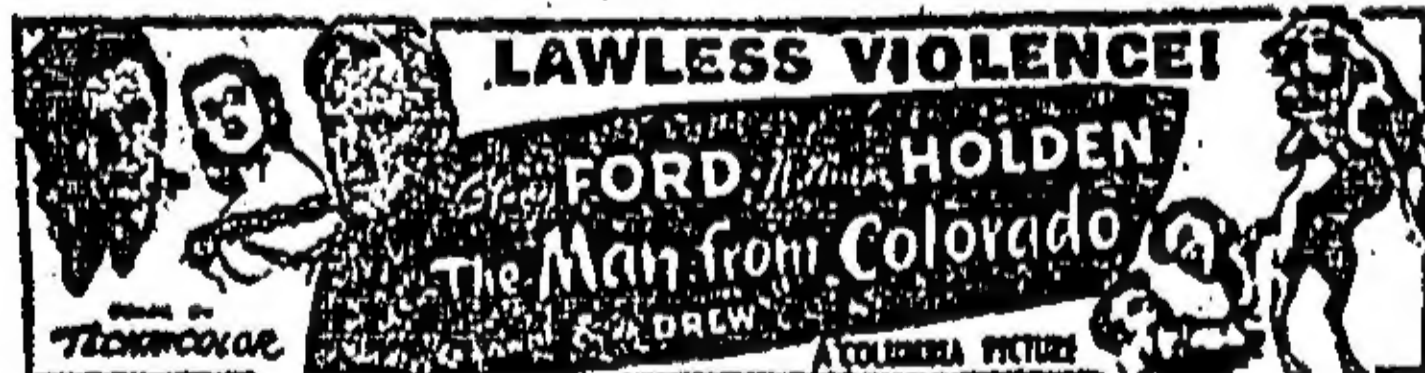
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CONCENTRATION CAMPS**

Berlin, January 19.

Several British soldiers, including a Major, a British woman and several American and French soldiers are interned in the Soviet concentration camps of Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald—former Nazi horror camps—according to released internees who arrived in Berlin today.

Reuter's correspondent was able to speak to persons who said that they had seen and spoken with British and American internees.

Other former prisoners who arrived in Berlin today under the recently announced Soviet scheme to empty the camps and close them gave information to the West Berlin "Action Group Against Inhumanity," which processes all returning prisoners and passes its information on to the German authorities.

The Action Group has collected information from different sources on six "British and American" soldiers stated to be in Sachsenhausen, one of whom was identified by two separate accounts as definitely a British major who was wearing a nearly complete uniform.

The returning prisoners, however, did not know exactly how many were British and how many were American, as neither could speak the other's language.

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The six "British and American" soldiers were also allegedly seen by German inmates of Sachsenhausen, who arrived at the Group's Berlin Headquarters today.

The Group was able to get some of their names but was unwilling to publish them for fear of reprisals against the prisoners.

A British spokesman said that no action would be taken by the British authorities until all the available details had been collected and sorted.

Reuter's correspondent was able to hear the following four accounts himself. All four persons spoken to were nervous, extremely shy of making statements for quotation, and were totally unwilling to mention their names, their previous homes in Germany or the names of their friends still in the camps.

First: A middle-aged woman with one blind eye and falling sight in the other contracted, she said, in Sachsenhausen. She was eventually nervous and unwilling to talk. She said, however, that she had a message for the British Consulate in Berlin from her "English friend" in Sachsenhausen.

This friend, she said, had been born English, had married a German, had retained her nationality but had, nevertheless, been arrested along with her husband in 1945.

Second: A 45-year-old former employee arrested at his home in Oranienburg, North of Berlin, in April, 1945, as a Nazi Party member. He looked in good health. "I was an employee of a business firm which did a lot of export business,"

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**KOREAN
AID BILL
REJECTED**

Washington, January 19.

The House of Representatives today rejected a Bill providing for \$60,000,000 economic aid for South Korea to help the young Republic to resist Communism.

In the Administration's first big voting reverse of the Congressional session, the House of Representatives, against all expectations, rejected the economic aid by 193 votes to 181.

At its last session the House passed an interim appropriation of \$60,000,000 for Korea.

In a minority report accompanying the Aid Bill, the Republicans opposed the authorization of the money on the grounds that the South Korean Republic is open to attack at any time by Communist forces, and American aid would only enhance the prize to be taken.

Representative John Vorys (Republican, Ohio), who has led demands for cuts in foreign aid, told the House of Representatives that Congress should not "vote money down a Korean rat-hole."

The Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative John Kees (Democrat, West Virginia), who introduced the Bill said that the South Korean Republic is entitled to American support and protection.

The Republic had been established by the United States and was also child of the United Nations.—Reuter.

**CRIPPS' MISSION
TO PARIS**

London, January 19.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was briefed at a Cabinet Economic Committee meeting here today for his visit to Paris next week to attend meetings of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation. Experts of the OEEC have been working over-time to complete, before the end of the month, an interim report on its progress since the Marshall Plan came into operation.

This report will be submitted first to the 18-nation Governing Council of the OEEC, then to the Economic Co-operation Administration and, finally, to the United States Congress.—Reuter.

Vienna, January 19.

The Austrian Government said today that it accepts without restriction the Austrian annulment of film producer Roberto Rossellini's marriage to his former wife, Marcela de Marchesa and that he is free to marry Ingrid Bergman.—United Press.

CHINA FLEET THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB CLUB THEATRE

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**Recall of
Ambassador
demanded**

Frankfurt, January 19. Bulgaria tonight demanded the recall of the Yugoslav Ambassador and two of his aides in Sofia. A Bulgarian radio broadcast said that the Ambassador, Jasio Djordje, the First Secretary, Marko Vuyatich, and the Consul-General, Svetozar Savic, had occupied themselves with enemy espionage activity.

The broadcast said a strong note handed to the Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia demanded that the three officials leave the country immediately. It linked them to alleged espionage and assassination plots of the former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, Traicho Kostov, who was executed last year for treason.

It is understood that Djordje has already left Sofia.—United Press.

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LIBERTY "SWEDISH FOOTBALL"

IN HONG KONG

Further outlook No. 3:

THE SUMMING-UP

By Bryan Green

I received a long-distance telephone call from London asking me to write an article on the state of the Christian Church in A.D. 2000.

What an assignment! It is difficult enough to make any prophecy 50 years hence in a world which changes as rapidly as this. But it is almost impossible when one is dealing with an imponderable subject like religion.

All the same, it is an intensely interesting question. At the end of this century there will be more or less religion in Britain? Are there any trends or movements at the moment which will guide us? I am not sure.

I think perhaps there is a developing quite slowly a definite cleavage between two groups of people. There is the large majority group becoming, I think, more and more secular in their outlook and indifferent to religion and the Christian Church—though very few of them are hostile.

Then there is the minority group, quite a large minority, consisting of an inner circle of definite Christians with a large outer fringe of people who were a faith, probably say their prayers, and are in fact drawing closer to-day to the Christian Church.

Need of a change

I believe it is true to say that during the last few years a large number of people have been moving into the minority group. I think this tendency will continue because world conditions are producing a sense of frustration and making plain the need of a change of outlook in men's minds.

On the other hand, supporting that during the next few years this should be a time of great upheaval such as a war, a secular materialistic state might become dominant in Britain. Here is a possibility of another Dark Age in which Christians would be a persecuted minority movement and the activities of the Christian Church severely restricted if not forbidden.

One thing I am certain—in A.D. 2000 Christians will still be in a minority although I hope a larger, stronger and more active minority. I am also convinced that no other religion will have superseded Christianity as the world's highest religion.

For the last 1,950 years Jesus Christ has been supreme in the sphere of religion and in another 50 years he will still be supreme and because I believe that in Jesus Christ we find God unique revealed I believe he will be still supreme at the end of history.

State Church—a gain

Fifty years hence the Church of England may be disestablished and may even have lost her endowment. Personally I should be sorry for that. I think it is a gain to a country to have a recognised State Church. It does at least keep national and civil affairs in touch with the Christian Church and makes contact with the mass of the people in certain moments of their lives. Disestablishment

is only another word for opportunity. Hong Kong University is in fact more important now than ever before, whether one thinks of the future of this little Colony, or farther afield to the China to be, and the territories from which its students come and will in due time return.

Critics have said that in these hectic and uncertain times the philosophy of Hong Kong is summed up in the familiar injunction to make hay while the sun shines. The principle is applicable to the University in quite another sense. And one must concede that the two motives of profit have met and mingled felicitously here, for much of the bounty from business has been lavished upon the University. Something at least of the enthusiasm which merchants and scholars alike greeted its inauguration and supported its maintenance in doubt remains, even in these singular times.

"It will be needed, for the Registrar of the University has just given a comprehensive survey of further great development plans. They will require a greatly increased income from endowments. The Registrar has given the details of the new plans and some idea of the cost. It is unnecessary for us to go into them at this stage, but his peroration may well be repeated here:

"A University may not rely for its reputation entirely upon its teachers. It needs also all the support, sympathy and even more important, financial aid, that the community is ever ready to give to it. Our University has the pride of place not as a university, but as the University of Hong Kong. The University of Hong Kong, and the inspiration from it, is the only one that has ever been given to the Republic. But challenge

would be inevitable but would not cause irreparable damage. I think we may expect a growing unity among the Christian Churches during the next few decades. There is a greater tolerance and willingness to work together now than there was 30 or 40 years ago.

The trend in the direction of fellowship and concerted action. Judging by the last few years there seems to be a steady increase in the number of people going to church. More young people are going now than some time ago. Whether this movement continues throughout the next 50 years depends upon some of the developments I have already mentioned.

One hopeful trend is to be observed and I am sure it is going to increase. More and more emphasis is being laid within the Christian Church on the responsibility of lay men and women to help the parsons, not only in the administration work, but in the

actual task of winning others to the faith in Jesus Christ.

It is controversial, of course, but in my own opinion I think that by A.D. 2000 all the primary schools will have been taken over by the State. I believe this to be inevitable in spite of the 1944 Education Act. I have always thought the Church's policy was to have let the schools go and to concentrate on training the teachers in Christian colleges. Many bishops, however, do not agree with this.

A.D. 2000 may not come

One startling thought to end with. It does not seem to have occurred to anybody who has written about what is going to happen in A.D. 2000 that A.D. 2000 may never arrive.

The Bible is quite clear and the Christian is quite definite that an end is coming to the world in God's own time. The New Testament calls it the Second Coming

of Christ and the Church gives it a place in their creed. Christians believe that God has a purpose for this world and in the end his purpose will be fulfilled. The Bible suggests that the goal of history will not be reached by drifting into it but by a crisis resulting from the personal action of God.

Just as in Jesus Christ God personally intervened once in the world to show He-saving love, so the hope of the Christian is that He will again intervene to overthrow evil and to establish His way of righteousness.

To the non-Christian this idea seems quite incomprehensible and fantastic. It has been made even more so, I must admit, by the rubbish that some Christians have talked about it. Blandly stating that "giving precise details about happenings at the end of the world. Nevertheless Christians are committed to this belief. It is a hope that some of us greatly value.

So you see A.D. 2000 may never arrive. God's mighty act in the Second Coming of Christ may have happened first.

A new society is arising in Great Britain

By "Windrush"

The Communists claim that they are creating a new society in Eastern Europe. It is called "New Democracy." But in Great Britain also, a new society is coming into being.

The chief characteristic of this new society is that men are no longer considered chiefly as individual citizens. They are thought of rather as members of groups—of a trade union, or profession, or service. This marks a great difference from the modes of thought of our grandfathers. In Victorian times men thought of the state or government as existing on the one side, and a mass of individuals on the other. Now we no longer think of a mass of individuals. We think of Society.

At first glance it may seem that this change in the way of thinking, though interesting, has only theoretical importance. But this is wrong. It has a profound practical significance. It has affected deeply men's ideas about how they ought to behave, and about what kind of aims the government ought to set itself.

Today most men feel, consciously or unconsciously, that their prime loyalty should be to their "group." The state itself

is really a federation of these groups. As is inevitable in every political organisation, group struggles with group. The better organised ones prosper; the less well organised ones are pushed down in the scale. The policies and actions of government are really the result of this complex interplay of groups. They reflect the balance of power between the groups.

New scale of values

One of the principal consequences of this new order of things is that a new scale of values in judging conduct has replaced the old. Today the individualism which was so much prized by the Victorians is no longer in fashion. Lip service may still be paid to the spirit of adventure, but in practice it is "depressed and discouraged."

The ideal type today is the man who is a good representative type of his "group." This may not be openly admitted, but is revealed in the general social behaviour. The sincere approbation today is given to the man who does not try to stand out from his fellows, but to the average man who does not embarrass his fellows by being

notably better or worse than they are. The average man wishes to be borne along in the life of his group, and not to strike out by himself.

Another interesting characteristic of the new society has begun to display itself. The "groups" are apt to be exclusive. Those who belong to them by down strict conditions about the admission of new members in order to prevent themselves from being swamped. Each group tries to keep up its economic position by preventing itself becoming overcrowded.

Thus, in the new society, far from there being less snobbery and inequality than in the past, there is an aggravated emphasis on the importance of differences in grade and occupation. The skilled worker is very anxious to dissociate himself from the unskilled. The professional man has to keep up his dignity.

Return to the past

In a way, what is happening is that modern society in England is reverting slowly to the very complex, highly organised and rigid system of the European middle ages. It is becoming a federation of guilds, whose relations with their members and with one another are minutely regulated. The roaring, rampaging, opportunistic Victorian society, in which the individual was given the utmost possible license, seems now, when we look back on it, to be a time almost of anarchy.

With this development in English society many of the familiar types of the past are becoming anachronisms. The swashbuckling adventurer, merchant or industrialist, has vanished. He has been replaced by the bureaucrat, or the small man who regards risk-taking as unrespectable. The country gentry cannot last much longer, and in time the "rentier" class will also be disappearing. To the "group psychology" they will seem unable to justify their existence and they will be legislated away. One Labour Minister

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Can Great Britain, organised in this new way, sustain its position in the world as well as in the past? Can Socialist Britain be a great power? The next two or three decades will supply the answer.

The Cabinet sends for Mrs. Ross

By J.C. Graham

Whenever the neighbourhood folks in Hamilton New Zealand, want to call on someone in an emergency they always say: "Send for Mrs. Ross."

Maybe it's a call for an emergency midwife or for somebody to do the washing for a sick neighbour. It makes no difference—they always call for Mrs. Ross. Now, the New Zealand Government has sent for Mrs. Ross, a widow with two sons and four grandchildren. They've made her New Zealand's first Minister for Welfare of Women and Children. What a grand choice they made!

Much to learn

Asked to comment on her plans for her new job, Mrs. Ross said: "After all, women and children comprise more than half the population. This fact is the key to why the new Ministry may be called the 'Ministry of Women and Children'."

The Labour Government which has been elected, passed a mass law designed to give the workers a shorter time, but they made the mistake of making for housewives and mothers.

The new Ministry's aim is to restore the balance, and Mrs. Ross is just the person to do it. The pattern of her responsibilities is as yet undecided.

She hasn't had time to make much of it yet. There is much to learn before it can outline possibilities. But it is clear that she already has decided views on the methods by which women's status can be improved, and on the steps which will play in the coming days of the new Government which keeps their interests to the fore.

Women can no longer be regarded merely as people who bring up children and look after the house. They are able to think intelligently for themselves and can do a job in the future to put New Zealand on a more even keel.

She has already indicated her interest in children, and her interest in the welfare of women and children during the day in talking the status of domestic help, making labour-saving devices cheaper and more plentiful in the home, and improving conditions for nurses. One of her first jobs will be to change the conditions created for women by the 40-hour five-day week.

"The only people who have not got a 40-hour week under Labour are the housewives," she said not long ago. "Women doing shopping on Friday resemble pack-horses. If a woman cannot buy a bottle of tomato sauce on a Saturday, why should a man be able to buy a bottle of beer?"

Mrs. Ross is just the sort of practical person to tackle the big task ahead.

A former music teacher, Mrs. Ross married a businessman, who died in 1940. No one would guess that she is a grandmother from her vigour and energy. When delayed by a railway breakdown last year, on her way to Wellington to keep an appointment, she at once went out on to the road-way and hitch-hiked a ride from a passing lorry.

The future Minister entered the public service in 1941, and has since then been in charge of the "rentier" class will also be disappearing.

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"Every year she spends several weeks at the camp doing chores—peeling potatoes, helping to give the children a real holiday. Her busy life of service has included the presidency for many years of a branch of the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division and membership of the Local Hospital Board and Borough Council."

Last year she became the only person ever to be given the Freedom of the City of Hamilton in recognition of more than 25 years' service to the city.

During the war, she founded the Women's Volunteer Auxiliary Corps in Hamilton, becoming Commandant. She worked six days a week on patriotic activities. She has been a constant defender of women's rights in the language of one who takes with her telling women that they must play a greater part in running the country.

"Many women," she told them after her election to Parliament, "do not like to interfere in politics, but they tell me what to do." She added: "Don't be fools as to depend on Bill. We women must take care of ourselves and vote as we think."



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ECONOMIC COLLAPSE DANGER IN TAIWAN

Military living off civilian economy INDIRECT HELP FROM U.S.

Washington, January 19.

Secret reports from Taiwan indicate that the island bastion of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalists is in imminent danger of economic collapse.

Chiang, who has been refused further military aid by the United States, is said to have retaliated by drawing material for his military forces from the island's faltering civilian economy.

Since Taiwan's economy is supported by funds from the Economic Co-operation Administration, Chiang has apparently found an indirect way to obtain U.S. help for his 300,000-man army.

This situation may be a result of the fact that the island's economy is largely based on the export of raw materials and agricultural products to the United States. The U.S. has been refusing to supply the island with the military equipment and supplies it needs, and Chiang has been forced to turn to the U.S. for financial aid to support his army.

GENERAL ELECTION TACTICS

London, January 19.

Government opponents at each other's throats in the election campaign, notably the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, from Labour's principal board of directors, the election campaign.

It is said that this reflects a new tactic of the Labour party, to use the opposition to the Government to attack the Government's policies.

All parties attach much importance to the election of this year.

Another Labour surprise is the choice of a new Secretary, Mr. Margaret Harkin, who was one of the leading candidates at the election of the Council of Europe.

The other side of the coin is the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, and the National Insurance Minister, Mr. James Griffiths.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Party, is reported to have decided to bring on his election campaign "General Staff" Viscount Marjesson, who was formerly Conservative Chief Whip (Party organizer in the House of Commons) and who possibly would be the greatest Whip authority of any figure in modern British politics.

Viscount Marjesson should be a redoubtable adversary to Mr. Morrison, chief strategist of the Government Party.

The Conservatives "Big Five" who are to speak in the political broadcasts are still incomplete but Mr. Churchill, his deputy, Mr. Anthony Eden, and Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Party, are the three top speakers.

The Liberal broadcasters will be the Party's Parliamentary leader, Mr. Clement Davies, and Viscount Samuel.

The Communists will qualify to give radio broadcasts if they have 50 candidates nominated.—Reuter.

Production records in France

Paris, January 19.

French industrial production last year reached the highest level in history, M. Jean Monnet, Director of the Secretariat for French Industrial Modernization, reported today.

He told the Government that France's industry had beaten its 1929 record and was ahead of schedule on the Moscow Plan. In his report on the operation of the Plan since it was approved in 1947, M. Monnet gave an optimistic picture of ever-growing progress in agriculture and nationalized and private industry.

The report covered France's North African Departments and overseas territories. M. Monnet said that the national revenue had gone up 30 per cent since 1946. Exports, which in 1946 covered 70 per cent of imports, covered 70 per cent in 1949 and nearly 80 per cent during the last quarter of the year.

He also reported that French overseas territories were included in the report, and that exports would exceed imports in 1950.

Textile industry warned

Manchester, January 19.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce expressed fear today that competition from Japan will disrupt the world textile market.

The Chamber's Board of Directors said in their annual report that there may be a repetition of the acute difficulties experienced during the inter-war years. The Lancashire textile centre was hard hit before World War II by Japanese competition, particularly in Asiatic markets.

"The Lancashire cotton industry," the Board's report said, "needs to be on the alert in watching carefully the ever-changing pattern of the jigsaw of world trade." It urged continued negotiations with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, to prevent Japanese infringement of British textile sign and other tradeable practices.—Associated Press.

FINANCIAL IMPASSE AVERTED

Tokyo, January 19.

British banks and General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today came to the rescue of Sterling Area traders and temporarily solved a financial impasse threatening deliveries of Australian wheat to Japan.

Neither General Li nor his aides could be reached for comment on the impasse, which had been caused by a refusal to continue to pay for wheat to Japan.

By a mutual understanding, the British banks agreed to advance the necessary funds to the Japanese government, and the Japanese government agreed to continue to pay for wheat to Japan.

Japan's failure to pay for wheat to Japan had been a major problem for the British banks, and the Japanese government's refusal to continue to pay for wheat to Japan had been a major problem for the Japanese government.

Two vessels, the Janina (Norwegian, 7,150 tons) and the Seigun (Chinese, 7,200 tons) have already been loaded with wheat.

Other vessels are at present loading in Australia, which made an early provision of letters of credit imperative.

A spokesman for three British banks told Reuters: "The banks made arrangements for an expanded credit of £5,000,000 and £6,000,000 sterling to meet purchases of wheat from Australia."

It is understood that the Allied Supreme Command made dollar credits available to cover the advance.

Trade circles complain that Japan might have bought or still might buy even more wheat from Australia at the record price of 24s. 4d. (sterling) a bushel, but for credit difficulties.

These difficulties have their root in delayed British buying increased purchases from Australia would mean greater purchasing power for Britain, British colonies, and India.

Australian traders complain that the allocation of £5,000,000 sterling to Australia for purchases from Japan, which is only a small proportion of the credits she is earning, will not cover desired purchases of steel construction materials.

They allege that Australia has asked other members of the Sterling bloc for a greater share of the credits she is earning, but so far without success.—Reuter.

Taipeh anxiety for more trade with Hong Kong

Taipeh, January 20.

Trade between Hong Kong and Taiwan has shown no marked change since Britain recognised Communist China.

According to British business circles here, the Nationalist authorities have gone out of their way to improve trading facilities rather than to curb them.

Both Hong Kong and Taiwan appear anxious to do business with each other, particularly Taiwan whose economy is largely based on continued trade with Hong Kong.

There has been a temporary restriction on imports from abroad through lack of foreign exchange. This problem, which sent the prices of local commodities soaring to new heights, has been, or is in the process of being, ironed out to the mutual benefit of both parties.

Two British steamers, the Wiggins and Shengking, make regular calls at Keelung (the port for Taipei) every six or seven days. They carry general cargo both ways.

British vessels also touch at Taiwan once or twice a month en route from Hong Kong to Japan and back.

Approximately 50 British subjects live in Taiwan, mostly the staffs of the big shipping and tea firms, and missionaries.

Head of the consulate is Mr. E. T. Briggs, whose headquarters is at Tamsui, about half an hour's car ride from here.

Fifteen Britons, including women and children, stay out at Tamsui, which is an attractive seaside resort not unlike a Cornish village. The future of the Consulate there is anybody's guess.

Agent in HK? A local newspaper report suggested that the Government would allow it to function for at least another three months, but as far as can be ascertained, the British Consul has received no official notification to this effect.

The general impression is that senior Nationalist officials would like to maintain amicable relations with the British.

For commercial reasons, it is possible that the Chinese will request, and be permitted, to appoint an agent in Hong Kong.

The recognition issue has made little or no difference to the daily life of the small British community, whose work, parties and recreations continue as before.

The anti-British incidents, reported recently from Tamsui, do not reflect the temper of the population as a whole.

As far as Reuters's correspondent is concerned, the authorities have been co-operative and courteous.

The latest Tamsui incident was more amusing than serious. The Consul's chauffeur was at work on his car when a Nationalist soldier went up to him and asked what he was doing.

"Repairing the British Consul's car," he said.

"You ought to be sabotaging it," the soldier replied, cuffing the chauffeur on the head.—Reuter.

SNOW IN LONDON London, January 19.

London had its first snow of the winter today.

Britain's autumn and early winter have been exceptionally dry and sunny.—Associated Press.

No direct talks with Reds

Washington, January 19.

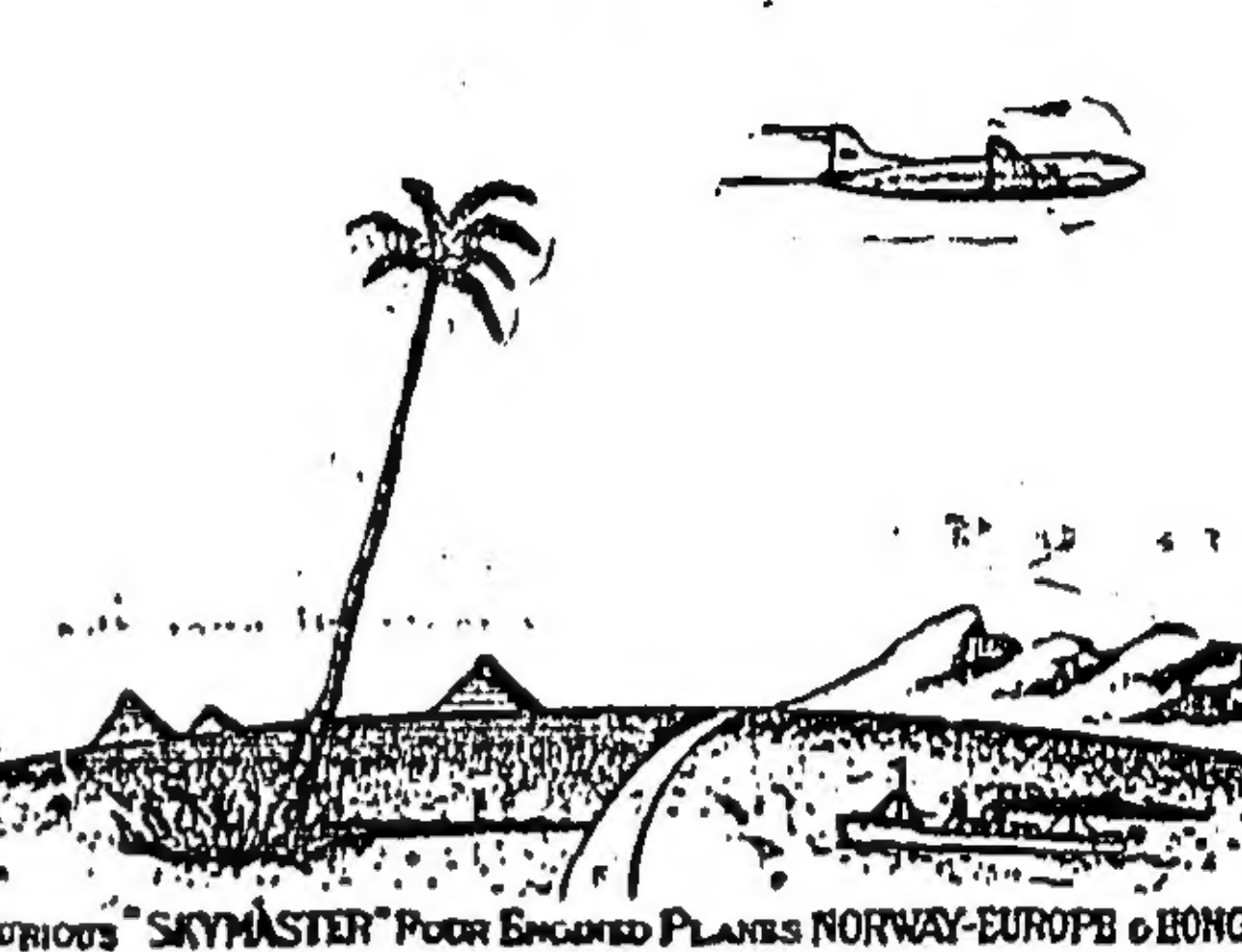
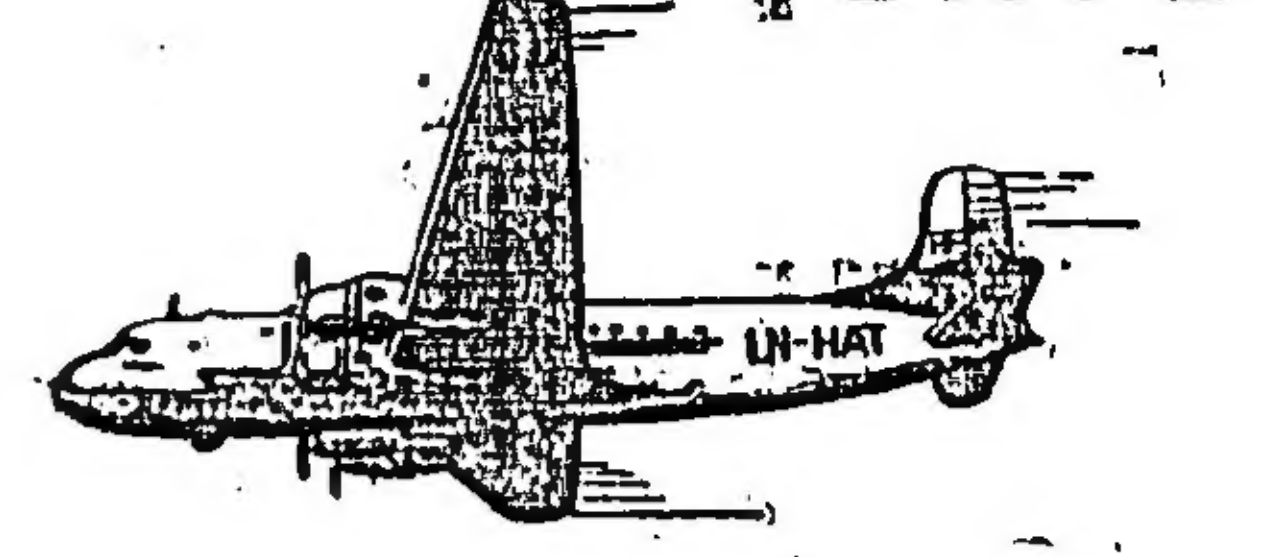
President Truman told a news conference today that he is not considering direct negotiations with Russia before deciding whether this country should develop a hydrogen "super-bomb."

Mr. Truman said he is not considering any plan to negotiate directly with Russia. He also described as untrue another report that the Atomic Energy Commission chairman, David Lillien, had offered to go to Russia and seek an atomic agreement with Josef Stalin.

President Truman firmly refused to discuss prospects of a hydrogen bomb. He also refused to comment when a reporter tried to get official admission that the new "super" weapon would be constructed.

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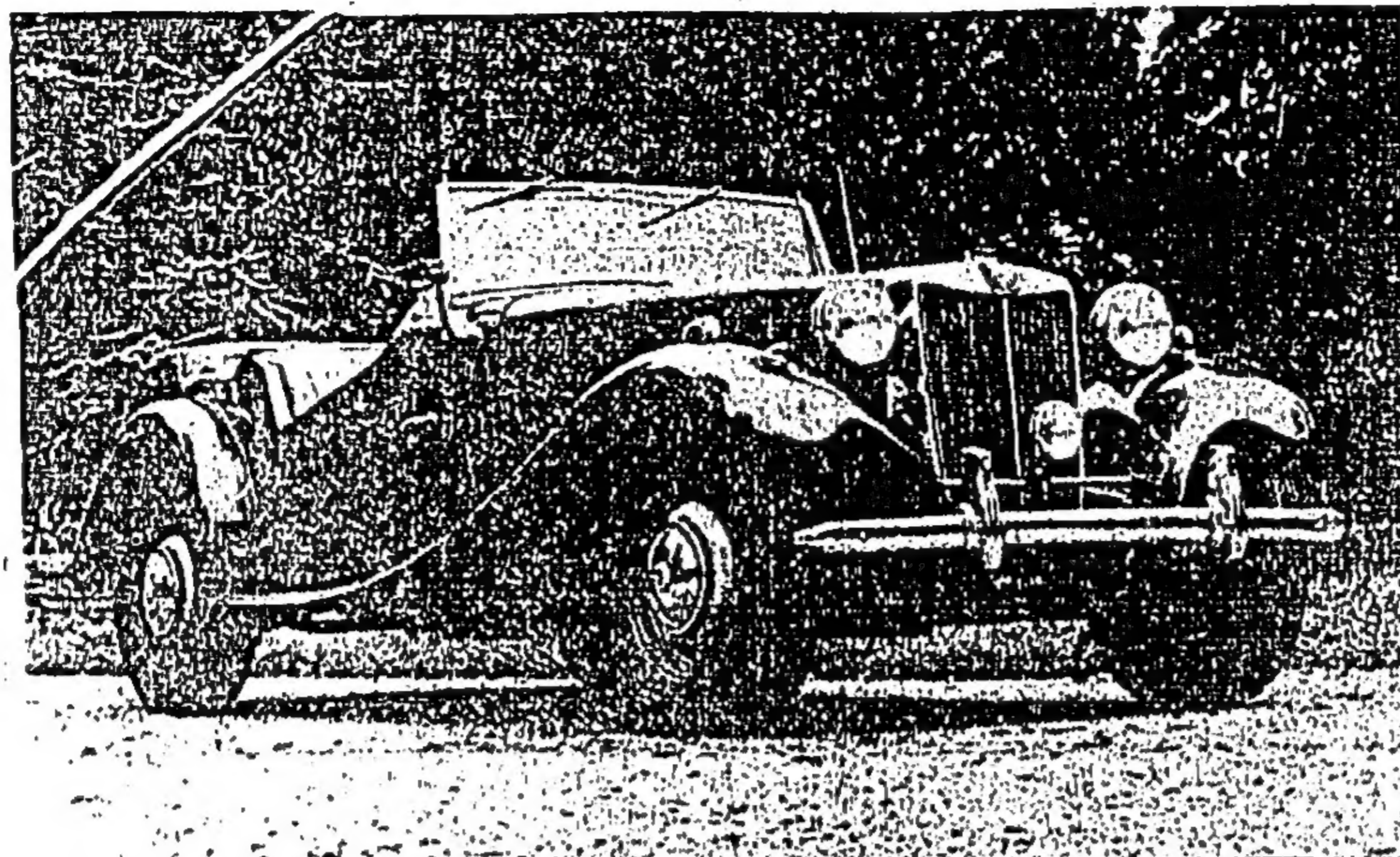
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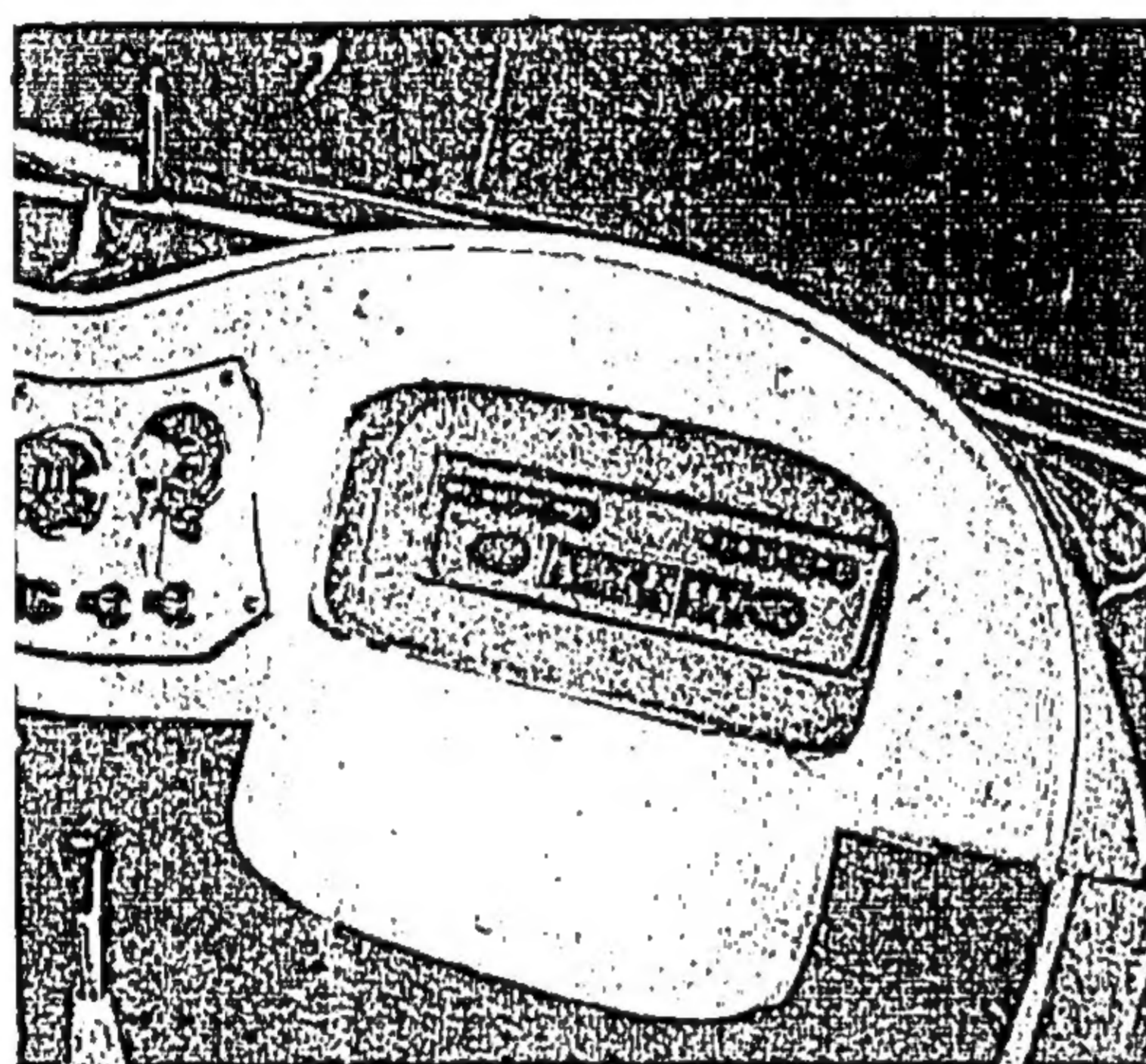


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Retaining, by general distributor consent, the familiar radiator, low rakish bonnet and sporting body outlines the new MG has the wishbone type coil spring independent front suspension so well tried on its bigger brother, the 1½ Litre model, while the rear laminated springs mounted on rubber bushes are assisted by the latest piston type shock absorbers.

This form of suspension gives 'cushion comfort' gliding qualities which, together with the direct acting rack and pinion steering, improves the already remarkable road holding and cornering qualities of this marque.

The chassis is again a logical development of the 1½ Litre, the boxed side and tubular cross members now being electrically welded throughout. Lockheed four wheel brakes with two leading shoes at the front on the 9 inch diameter drums, add even further to the MG's reputation of 'Safety Fast'.

The TD MG Midget is indeed a worthy successor to its fore-runners which, at one time or another in their 27 years, have gained almost every international class record in the 750 cc and 1,100 cc classes, and achieved so many successes in racing and competition events.

The lesson learned from such practical experience has been carefully studied, including valuable information gained from post-war record achievements. MG enthusiasts throughout the world will undoubtedly hail the new model as a worthy progeny of the stable which for many years has successfully maintained this breed of specialised sports cars.

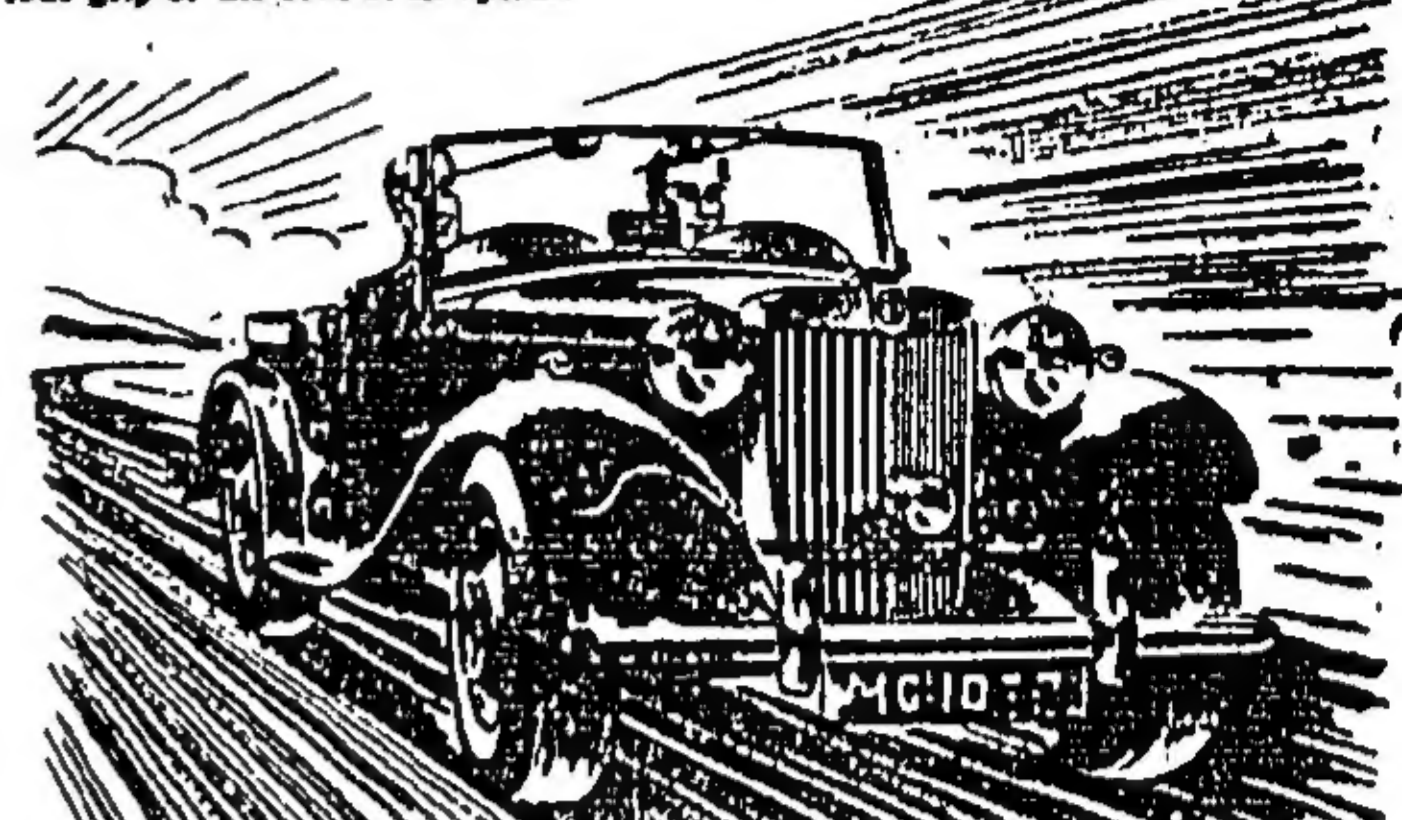
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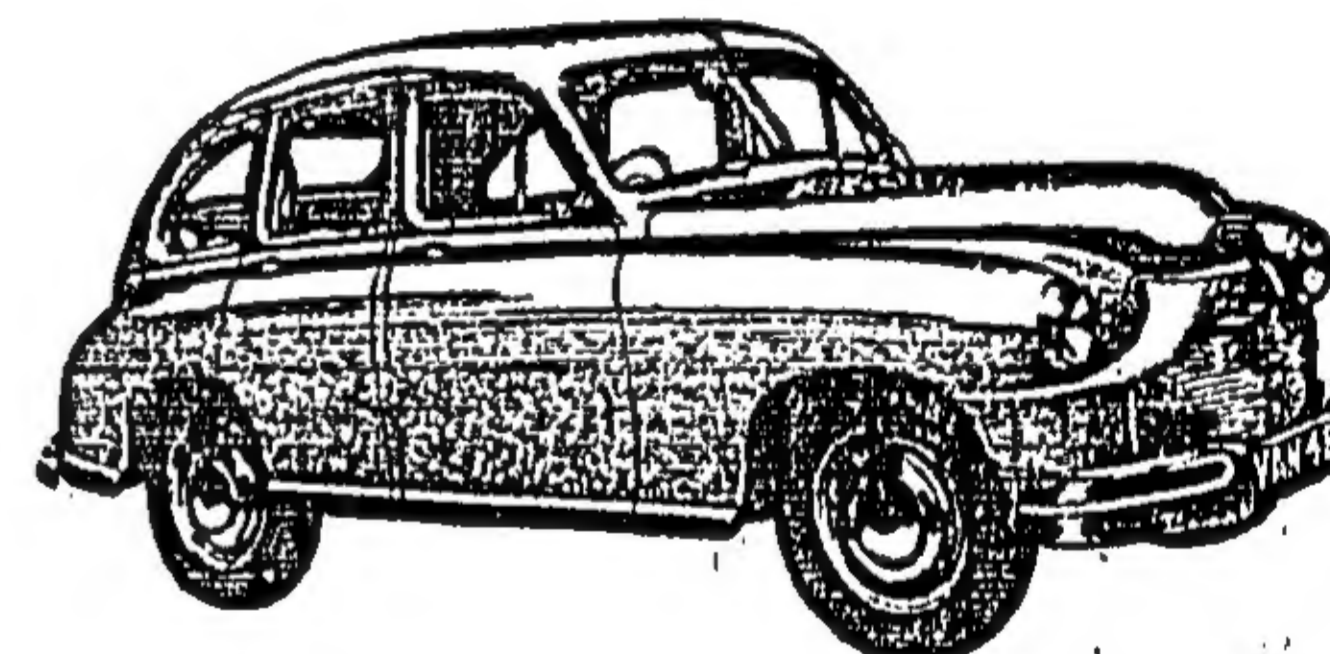
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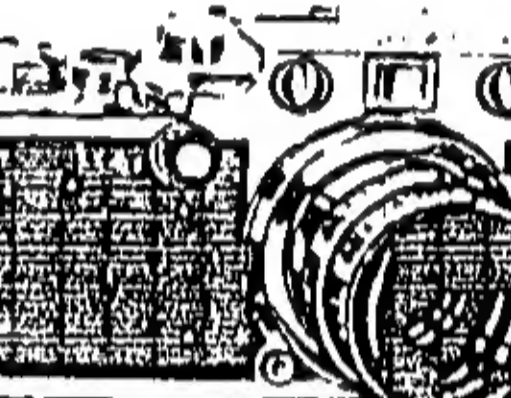
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More walk-outs by Russians in UN

Lake Success, January 19.

Russia broke up the secret atomic control talks in the United Nations today by walking out of a six-power meeting after the West refused once more to expel Nationalist China's diplomats here.

This was the ninth boycott of UN organs in less than two weeks and the first that actually broke up a session.

The Soviet walk-out and boycott tactics also were carried out during the day at UN sessions in New York and Geneva and at a meeting of the 13-Nation Far Eastern Commission in Washington where the Russians tried without success to get the Nationalist Chinese expelled.

Disruption of the atomic talks came as President Harry Truman at his news conference in Washington refused to talk about production of the super-atomic hydrogen bomb.

The possibility of the U. S. producing such a bomb was raised for the first time here by Mr. H. R. Wei, Nationalist China's delegate and distinguished scientist from Nanking. Mr. Wei told the Soviet delegate, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Jakob A. Malik, that even the possibility of such a bomb being created rendered the atomic talks more vital and that all the more reason for Russia to continue attending the sessions.

The U. S. Assistant Secretary of State, John D. Hickerson, repeated Western charges that Russia alone is preventing an agreement on atomic control.

More protests

Mr. Hickerson told reporters that the five majority delegates would continue atomic conversations but that "I am not kidding myself" into thinking any progress could be made with the Russians absent.

There were more Russian protests today against the Nationalist Chinese. The Chinese and Soviet delegates to the United Nations Staff Committee marched out of the Committee room in New York in angry protest against the Chinese presiding officer for this month. The Russians boycotted the first meeting of the Trusteeship Council in Geneva during the day.

After walking out and boycotting the nine UN organs that have met thus far this year in the continuing propaganda and expulsion campaign against Nationalist China, the Russians today said they would "step up the same tactics" until the Nationalist Chinese were thrown out of the UN.

The five delegates remaining in the atomic meeting were the United States, France, China, Britain and Canada. They asked the Soviet delegate, General M. Trovayev, to send the record of the meeting to all the 59 United Nations.

UK UNLOADING FROZEN MEAT

London, January 19.
The Ministry of Food has started unloading some 35,000 long tons of imported frozen meat now stored on 15 refrigerator ships in British ports. The Ministry took over the ships last autumn because normal cold storage space was full and meat was still coming in.

A Ministry spokesman said today: "The cold storage positions has improved and there is now more room for our meat stocks." It is hoped to unload all the ships by the end of February. One is now being emptied at Avonmouth, near Bristol.

Britain's weekly meat ration is now 1 lb. 6d. worth, at present amounting to about a pound. It has been increased since the day developed.—Associated Press.

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Arabs accused of preparing for new war

Tel-Aviv, January 19.

Yigael Yadin, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, said today that Israeli Army Intelligence has definite proof that the Arab states are preparing for a second round in the Palestine war.

Yadin said, "War talk is not just propaganda. The preparations are real."

He warned that the Israeli army had to be enlarged to cope with preparations made across the borders.—United Press.

"PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY IN U.S."

Boston, January 19.

Two Africans studying here deplored this country's "bigotry, prejudice and distorted Christianity" today and warned that continued American complacency would turn foreign groups to Communism.

Kalinda Kiri of British West Africa, titular head of more than 500 Nigerians and son of a potentate, and Joseph Coffe, Thereson of the Gold Coast said the dark-skinned student faced a "terrible social problem when he meets a barbarer who will not cut his hair and refuses that Americans tolerate but do not accept him."—United Press.

AMERICA MAY TAKE ACTION ON AUSTRIA

Washington, January 19.

The U. S. State Department said today that it will consider appropriate action to re-establish Austrian freedom and independence as it was doubtful whether progress can be made on an Austrian treaty.

The Department issued a statement on the conversation yesterday on the Austrian treaty question between M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and the French, British and United States Ambassadors.

The statement said: "The United States Ambassador in Moscow, together with the British and French Ambassadors, called on Mr. Gromyko to protest at the delays which have been encountered in the negotiations on the Austrian treaty."

"The Ambassadors asked Mr. Gromyko what assurances could be given that the Vienna negotiations would be completed, thus permitting the deputies to conclude the Austrian treaty on the basis of the agreement in Paris of June 20, 1949."

"No assurances were given by Mr. Gromyko that this obstacle would be removed in the near future."

"Although the deputies are due to meet again in London on Sunday, January 23, in view of the attitude of Mr. Gromyko it is doubtful whether further progress can be made."

delay in the conclusion of the Austria treaty."

Since the meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies in New York last November, the Government has imposed new obstacles to the completion of the treaty in connection with its claim for repayment for relief supplies furnished to Austria in the early days of the occupation.

"The United States Government desires an early conclusion of the treaty and the long overdue re-establishment of complete Austrian sovereignty and independence, which was promised by the Moscow Declaration of 1943."

Meeting postponed

The next meeting of the Austrian deputies to negotiate on the Austrian States treaty has been postponed from tomorrow to next Tuesday, the Foreign Office in London announced tonight.

It is understood that the three Western deputies have asked for a postponement to consider the situation arising from Mr. Andrei Gromyko's refusal to speed direct Soviet-Austrian talks when the three Western Ambassadors called on him in Moscow yesterday.

The settlement of the treaty now depends on an agreement on Article 46 concerning the Soviet claims on Austria for payment for civil supplies, which is the subject of direct Soviet-Austrian negotiations.—Reuter.

Deep concern

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, was asked by reporters if the United States would now act to exclude Russia from the negotiations and agree to signing a separate treaty between the Western powers and Austria.

He replied: "I will not speculate."

In a review of the negotiations, which started in 1949 between the Western powers and Russia, the State Department said: "The Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and France are deeply concerned at this

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"HUPEH"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 27th Jan.	
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"AGAPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan.
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U.S. READY TO END BOYCOTT OF SPAIN

Washington, January 19.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced tonight that the United States is prepared to support a move in the United Nations to end the three-year-old diplomatic boycott of Franco Spain.

In addition, Mr. Acheson said his Government is quite prepared to acquiesce in the extension of credits to Spain covering specific and economically justifiable projects in which there is a reasonable prospect of repayment.

The Secretary disclosed the major shift of American policy in a letter to Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Other Senators have made repeated demands that this country resume diplomatic and trade relations with Madrid, which were broken off in 1946 in keeping with a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. This was done because the Franco Government was deemed a Fascist dictatorship which had come to power with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini.

Since that time the United States has been represented in Madrid only by a Charge d'Affaires.

Secretary Acheson declared that the U.S. is now ready to vote for a resolution in the UN Assembly which will have members free to send an Ambassador or Minister to Spain if they choose.

Mr. Acheson said that the United States will not count on the aid of Spain in the present regime, he went on.

Peking Gov't appoints UN delegate

San Francisco, January 20.—The Chinese Communists today announced the appointment of the Peking Government's "chief delegate" to the United Nations.

A Communist New China News Agency dispatch reported that Chang Wen-tien, also known as Li Yu, has been named to head the Chinese Red delegation to the United Nations.

Mr. Chang is a former student of the University of Southern California.

The dispatch said the United Nations General Secretary, Dr. Trygve Lie, and Brigadier-General Carlos Romulo, President of the General Assembly, have been informed of the appointment.

Two questions.—Communist Premier Chou En-lai's letter, the agency said, also posed two questions: "When will the Nationalist delegation be 'quarantined'?" "When will the 'legal representative of the People's Republic of China' be permitted to participate in the United Nations activities?"

The letter, dated January 18, asked for an early reply and requested expedition of Mr. Chang's credentials.

Mr. Chang was identified as a member of the all-powerful Chinese Communist Politburo. He was said to have joined the Communist Party in 1925 and to have participated in the Red's famed 6,000-mile "long march" from Central to North China. He served as general secretary from 1937 to 1941. In addition to his political post, he is secretary of the bureau for Linsheng Province in Peking.—United Press.

ENVOY RECALLED

Belgrade, January 19.—Nikola Brozina, Yugoslav Minister to France, has been relieved of his duty and recalled, Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported here today.

M. Brozina will be replaced by M. Nikola Milicevic, former Chancellor to the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry, the agency said.—Reuter.

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10.00—Music For All
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11.25—Parade of Britain
P.M.
12.00—Financial and World News
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12.30—Dance Music
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5.15—Shining Bridges
5.30—Much Blending in the March
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6.15—R.H.C. News
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7.00—"Ten Time"
7.15—Sports Roundup
7.30—Music Makers
7.45—Let's Wait
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8.15—Local News
8.30—Strings and Chorus
8.45—Rediffusion Hot Tunes
9.00—Prescription For Health
9.15—Kendall's Weekly Radio
9.30—National at Twickenham
11.15—Roundup
11.30—Close Down

SOCIALIST SPLIT IN JAPAN

Tokyo, January 20.—The Social Democratic Party, chief opposition party of the Yoshida Government, split into two factions last night as eight winged walked out of the Socialist National convention and into a separate meeting hall.

The action split the Socialist strength in the Diet into 24 left wingers, 10 neutrals and 13 right wingers in the Lower House and 15 left wingers, seven neutrals and 10 right wingers in the Upper House.

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1.25—Light Orchestra Selections
1.35—"Fishes (Chorus)" presented by Jim Fisher (Rhythm)
1.45—"American Patrol" A Programme of Record Characters presented by Lionel Day (Rhythm)
2.00—World News (London Relay)
2.15—Hospital Requests presented by "Amber" (Rhythm)
2.30—Sheet Music Identity for Band, costing and read by Peter Boudle (Rhythm)
2.45—"Radio Ballroom" Presented by Martin Anderson and Peter Moore (Rhythm)
3.00—"Compass" Canteen: The Music and Songs of "Yale" Walter
3.15—"Much Blending in the March" (Rhythm)
3.30—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary
3.45—"Unit Requests" Linda Cator (Rhythm)
4.00—Radio 50 Field Squadron R.E. (Rhythm)
4.15—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)
4.30—"Sports Roundup" (Rhythm)
4.45—Variety Band Box from the Kallman Empire London (Rhythm)
5.00—From the "Editorial" (London Relay)
5.15—Sports Results
5.30—The Hit Parade
5.45—"Fishes and Sullivan"
6.00—Introductory Talk by Sir Malcolm Stewart, Episode 1: "The First Meeting" Script and Research by Leslie Baily, Produced by Howard Aze (Rhythm)
6.15—Radio News Head (London Relay)
6.30—Weather Report and Dance Music
6.45—Weather Report, World News and Home News from London (Relay)
7.00—God Save The King
7.15—Close Down

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Inflation menace in the Orient

London, January 19.

Sir Oliver Goonatilake, Ceylon's High Commissioner to Britain, declared today that he is afraid that in three or four years South East Asia will lead the world into a depression of unparalleled depth.

Speaking to the Royal Empire Society, Sir Oliver warned that a "Frankenstein of inflation" would destroy South East Asia first and the rest of the world afterwards.

He said that the economic picture of South East Asia is overshadowed by the ever-increasing food prices. All the money and skill that the West could send could not stop inflation.

A large ostrich, he said, is now hiding its head in the sands of assumed non-understanding.

"The ostrich stretches from Canada and North America right on to Australia," he added, "and casually the rich plumage of this ostrich is raised in tremors of understanding for the troubles of South East Asia. But still the ostrich continues not to see what is happening in that part of the world."

"I am afraid that very soon—in a matter of three or four years South East Asia will lead the world into a depression of unparalleled depth, and countries in the West will wake up too late."

"I almost think it is already too late. The economic policies in America—the American policy of supporting high prices—will bring South East Asia almost on to the margin of mass starvation."

Sir Oliver said he also wondered why Australia had increased her wheat prices by 40 per cent when the cost of living in Australia had hardly risen at all.

He added, "Against this economic background, plans to fight Communism in South East Asia almost appear a studied camouflage not to face the truth."

"Communism in South East Asia is the consequence of ignorance, poverty and disease."

The Ceylon High Commissioner urged, "Abandon the slogan of fighting Communism and adopt the slogan of fighting poverty in the large areas of South East Asia."

Referring to Ceylon's Dominion status, Sir Oliver expressed his faith in the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth bond, he said, is an unwritten bond of friendship, and any attempt to put it into words would weaken and not strengthen it.

"Never once," he added, "has there been an attempt at interference. On the contrary, there has been a studied attempt on the part of Ministers and officials of all grades to make sure that the smallest and newest of Commonwealth countries has a full share in the decisions of the Commonwealth." Heater

Money Market
US dollars continued weak yesterday, opening at HK\$40.48, improving in the afternoon to \$6.49, and closing at \$6.49. TT was not through from HK\$5.82 to \$6.54.

Sterling was up a further two cents to HK\$15.37. Australian pounds dropped to HK\$12.85.

Plaster remained nominal at HK\$15.10 to 100.

Ticals at HK\$28.50 a 100 were unchanged, as also were NEP Guilders at HK\$22.90 a 100.

NY RUBBER
New York, January 19.
Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed five to 10 lower with sales of 12 contracts.

March 17.92
May 17.05-70
July 17.20
Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets, 10 1/8 nominal.—Associated Press.

Manila, January 20.
The Central Bank of the Philippines has received a shipment of 5,000,000 one-peso notes from England which will be used to replace limp and worn currency now in use. The old notes were issued by the Philippines Treasury.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
Consignees Per
BARBER WILHELMSEN LINE
m.v. "TUDOR"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on January 21, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 22, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 30, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

THE HONG KONG EASTERN SHIPPING CO., LTD.
Agents,
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Hong Kong, January 19, 1950.

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Hong Kong, January 17, 1950.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 21, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 27, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents,
Hong Kong, January 16, 1950.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 19.

The stock market got back on a forward track today after a morning detour. At the final bell gains showed a small edge over losses. Transfers were 1,170,000 shares.

New highs were reached by 35 stocks while four touched new lows for 1949-50. Neither buying nor selling pressure was very strong. Among gainers were Douglas Aircraft, J. I. Case, Gulf Oil, Admiral Corporation, Magnavox.

Stumblers included Standard Oil of New Jersey, U.S. Steel, Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 72.55, 20 Industrials 199.80, 15 Bonds 34.98, 10 Utilities 41.77.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22 3/4
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Can 11 3/4
Smelting 55 1/2
Telephone 148 1/2
Tobacco 74 1/2
Waterworks 8
Aviation Corp. 8 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2
Barnhill 66 1/2
Bentley Aviation 36 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 32 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 25 1/2
Borden Co. 48
Canadian Pacific 15 1/2
J. I. Case 45 1/2
Chrysler 84 1/2
Colgate 43 1/2
Commercial Solvents 20 1/2
Corn Products 66 1/2
Du Pont 61 1/2
Eastman Kodak 45 1/2
General Electric 42 1/2
Motors 72 1/2
Goodrich 73 1/2
Goodyear 40 1/2
Homesite Mining 27 1/2
International Harvester 27 1/2
Paper 35 1/2
Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2
Johns Manville 47
Kennecott Copper 63 1/2
Montgomery Ward 56 1/2
National Distillers 23 1/2
Lead 37 1/2
New York Central 12 1/2
Packard Motors 4 1/2
Pan American Airways 8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2
Radio Corp. 13 1/2
Republic Steel 24 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2
Shell Oil 35 1/2
Sears Roebuck 16 1/2
Southern Pacific 52 1/2
Standard Brands 22 1/2
Oil of Calif. 62 1/2
Oil of N. J. 66 1/2
Studebaker 27
Union Bag 28
Carbide 44 1/2
US Rubber 41 1/2
Steel 27 1/2
Lines 16 1/2
Westinghouse 31 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2
Bonds were mixed. Among curb raisers were Atlas Plywood, Fansteel, Cities Service and Creole Petroleum.—Associated Press.

ROUND THE WORLD
VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, KARACHI, SUZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NEW YORK and BOSTON

"President Jefferson" Arr. Jan. 24 Sails Jan. 25
"Williamette Victory" Arr. Feb. 5 Sails Feb. 7

TO JAVA & STRAITS
"Marine Snapper" Arr. Feb. 10 Sails Feb. 11
Tel: 28172/5

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN
"President Harrison" Arr. Jan. 26 Sails Jan. 27
"President McKinley" Arr. Feb. 14 Sails Feb. 15

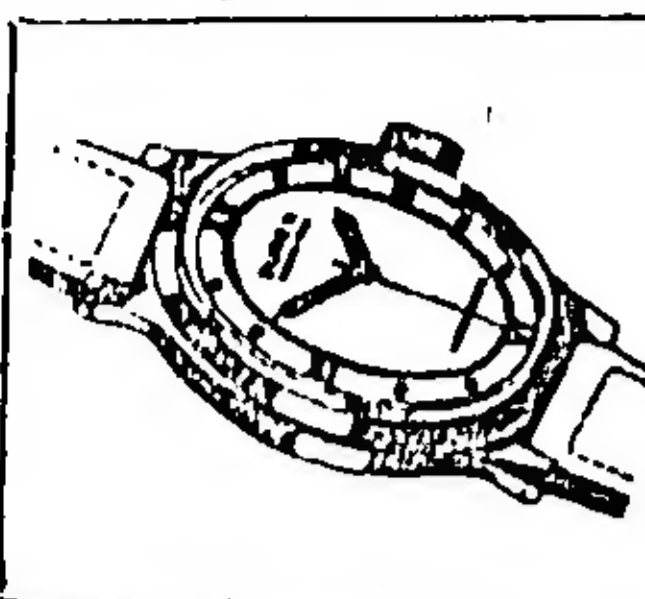
TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA
"President Tyler" Arr. Jan. 26 Sails Jan. 27
"President Grant" Arr. Feb. 9 Sails Feb. 10

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN
"President Wilson" Arr. Jan. 20 Sails Jan. 30
"General Gordon" Arr. Feb. 3 Sails Feb. 4
"President Cleveland" Arr. Feb. 25 Sails Feb. 26

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES
The Global Fleet

ARRIVALS
SHIP FROM DUE
"BENDORAN" U.K. via Singapore. 22nd Jan.
"BENMACDHUI" on or abt. 10th Feb.
"BENALDER" 12th Feb.
"BENMHOR" 25th Feb.
"BENALBANACH" 28th Feb.
"BENVENUE" 20th Mar.

SAILINGS
Loading on or abt.
"BENALDER" London, Antwerp, Hamburg & Hull. 10th Feb.
"BENMACDHUI" Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull. 10th Feb.
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HONG KONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1950.



Sports Pause
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Coca-Cola

Annual racing carnival concludes this afternoon

(By "RAPIER")

The 1950 Annual Racing Carnival under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be brought to a conclusion this afternoon.

There are 10 events on today's programme. The Champion Stakes and the Griffins Champion Stakes will be the main attractions of the day. Entries for these two events will not be known until they are announced on the board.

The first of the day will be the 11.30 a.m. race, the 1950 Annual Handicap. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the first of the day. The 1.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Stakes. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the second of the day. The 3.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Handicap. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the third of the day. The 5.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Stakes. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the fourth of the day. The 7.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Handicap. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the fifth of the day. The 9.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Stakes. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the sixth of the day. The 11.30 p.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Handicap. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the seventh of the day. The 1.30 a.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Stakes. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the eighth of the day. The 3.30 a.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Handicap. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the ninth of the day. The 5.30 a.m. race will be the 1950 Annual Stakes. This will be a race for all horses, and will be the tenth of the day.

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Rugby: Army & Commandos to meet again

(By "J. T. STUD")

Rugby enthusiasts will undoubtedly travel to Sookunpo this afternoon to witness the return clash between the Army and Commandos, following the excellent display furnished in their last encounter.

Somehow I feel that a definite decision will be reached today, with the Marines coming out on top.

The Army have to a certain extent re-built their fifteen during the past fortnight and it remains to be seen whether the new pack, without Major Mitchell's inspiring leadership, can hold the more robust Marines who more than held the Club pack last week. Fowke has reverted to full-back and McDermott is again brought

into the center; this move will add striking power to the Commando attack.

McDermott is a strong runner, possessing a deceptive swerve and if Fowke can find time to aid the attack, the soldiers' middle line will be severely tested.

The Army's only advantage appears to be at half-back and this may be nullified if the opposing forwards strike any measure of ascendancy over the soldiers.

This game should be well worth watching.

As an opener, the Club seconds are again opposing the Army "B" although I do not expect that they will repeat last Saturday's win.

At Kowloon, the Royal Navy and RAF face each other in the preliminary in what should be a testing game.

The sailors have been badly handicapped all season by Fleet movements and as consequence, have never settled as a team.

An improving side The RAF are an improving side and have the advantage of playing together each week and this feature should just carry the day.

The Police showing last week has been their best for some time and in their Derby with the Club, can be expected to give that little extra.

Club have made two changes from their regular line-up; both Mackie and Minto are on the injured list and their places will be filled by A. Stewart and A. Taylor.

Stewart has been bordering on first team honours for sometime and deserves his big chance.

TODAY'S GAMES
Army v Commandos at Sookunpo, 4 p.m.
Club "B" v Army "B" at Sookunpo, 3 p.m.
Royal Navy v RAF at Boundary Street, Kowloon, 3 p.m.
Police v Club at Boundary Street, Kowloon, 4 p.m.

Softball:
Roughest stretch on road to Pennantville

(By "GRANDSTAND")

For teams on the borderline of elimination, manoeuvring of the greatest skill will be required this week to negotiate the roughest stretch on the road to Pennantville.

Decisions of the crucial games this week may well mean the end of a long and fruitless quest for some, while others may take comfort in the knowledge of a definite berth in the Playoff series.

The Americans v Pandas tussle slated for 11 a.m. tomorrow takes on added importance, as both teams have four losses chalked up against them, while the Madcaps and Jaguars are deadlocked with three setbacks apiece, tangle at 2 p.m. gunning for the extra victory.

Braves lock horns with their rivals the fast slipping St. Teresa outfit, who still have a mathematical chance with five defeats. Although last year's champion Canadians are practically out of the running for the Molten trophy, their encounter against St. Joseph's in the night-cap should draw an all-time crowd as these two perennial feuding teams clash.

Junior League spotlight will be focussed on the Blackhaws v. Rockies scuffle, which may decide the eventual owners of the Ernie Heather Trophy, while Pandas and St. Teresa's tied in last year's Junior League race meet in a return encounter in the three-round series.

Stompy games Fans who witnessed the stormy games between the Canucks and the Maple Leafs took both decisions will make the CBA Ground their rendezvous—once more tomorrow afternoon, when these two rival outfits clash for the only time this year.

But, who's to win? The Canucks failed to click this season and as a result of two early upsets, and then

HKFA is not carrying out its main object

(By "ROVER")

Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow:

Today—Old Course
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In England, on the Continent, "Down Argentine Way" and even in Soviet Russia, youth is being afforded every opportunity to prove its worth on the soccer field.

The year 1950 has been hailed in England as "the year of youth and long-term policy."

In Hong Kong, however, the Hong Kong Football Association is afraid to show the same enterprise and initiative displayed by kindred associations elsewhere.

By its failure to adopt a long-term policy which will help to place Hong Kong on the "soccer map" again, the HKFA is definitely failing in its duty as the body governing amateur soccer in this Colony.

According to the Rules of the HKFA, the main object of the Association is "to promote the game of Association football in every way and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for preventing infringements of the Laws of the Game or other improper methods or practices in such game and for protecting it from abuse."

The present shortsighted policy of the Association and the manner in which it tolerates certain abuses cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be said to be carrying out of its main object. Even the average man-in-the-street, who pays through the nose to keep the game going, is not altogether satisfied with the existing status and to the fact that the HKFA is today more concerned about other things than the game itself.

Standard of referees At the Press Conference held on January 12, Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman of the HKFA, when questioned as to whether or not he was satisfied with the standard of referees in Hong Kong, referred to the standard of referees in Manila.

Mr. Skinner did concede, however, that there was a lot of room for improvement in the standard of referees in Hong Kong.

He said that although it had been arranged that confidential referees be sent in by certain officials regarding the manner in which referees handled games, no other official of the HKFA, apart from himself, had sent in any confidential report.

This statement of Mr. Skinner would indicate that not all officials of the HKFA are doing their duty; the omission to send confidential reports is a matter which calls for immediate enquiry and action.

Mr. Skinner was also questioned regarding steps which had been taken by the Association to educate players and the public on the interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

In view of the nature of Mr. Skinner's answer to this question, it might perhaps be in order to mention that in a circular issued by the HKFA last year, it was stated in clear and unmistakable terms that the Association must carry out and put into effect the following, which were described in the circular as important matters:

(a) To improve the standard of referees in the Colony; (b) to encourage more candidates to qualify; (c) to improve the standard of play; (d) to improve the relationship between officials, referees and players; (e) to educate players and the public on the interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

The Committee of Seven appointed to enquire "into the existing state of the game of football in this Colony" had some time earlier made recommendations concerning referees as well as the education of players and spectators through the medium of the English and Chinese Press.

In connection with education through the Press, the Committee had recommended that the HKFA issue "quiz sheets" and articles—not mere "handouts"—on football topics.

Up to the present moment, no "quiz sheets" or soccer articles have been issued by the HKFA to the Press, nor have the recommendations of the Committee of Seven or the important matters which formed the subject of the circular above mentioned been carried out and put into effect.

An explanation is due in the matter and it is felt that some member of the Council should ask

ment against the Saints, Frank Cleary will lead his band of Americans on the field with suppressed confidence. Fred Henderson, who started the coney, with erratic handling, has now ironed out the kinks and is toasting them with regular, deadliness, both games against the Canucks and Saints being masterpieces.

Backed by slugging side played by Billy McLean, Bob McGowan and Robert Murphy, the Canucks should be able to take the

St. Theresa's "A" beat Kowloon Dockers, 4-0, in a Junior Mixed Doubles badminton league match played last night.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The time interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Pearce